

SENATE BILL 1582

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-351, relative to the basic education program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-351(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(d) Notwithstanding any other section or law to the contrary, the BEP of every LEA will be calculated on the basis of current year ADM, or FTEADM, or identified and served special education students (I&S). An estimated fifty percent (50%) of the appropriated amount shall be distributed to such eligible LEA by February 1, with the remainder, subject to any adjustment of numbers by the department of education that may affect the remaining amount, to be distributed by the following June 30. In calculating the allocations under the BEP formula, the commissioner, with the approval of the state board of education and the commissioner of finance and administration, shall establish definitions of ADM, FTEADM, and I&S, which will be used to determine each LEA's BEP funding. It is the legislative intent that the definitions so established approximate as closely as possible full year ADM, FTEADM, and I&S.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.